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AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR SPACE TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether America is providing technical cooperation to India for furthering Space Technology; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b): A Memorandum of Understanding exists for cooperation in the area of earth and atmosphere sciences. During the recent India-USA Conference on Space Science-Applications and Commerce, areas for further cooperation have been identified for follow up. As part of Indian Lunar Mission, Chandrayaan-I, planned by ISRO and in response to a call from ISRO for proposals for small experimental packages to complement Indian experiments on board, a payload proposal from USA, namely `Mini Synthetic Aperture Radar` is short listed. India also procures some components and materials for the space programme from USA on a commercial basis.